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1. UAE WAS REPRESENTED AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT ITS DELEGATION VOCALLY DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM CONSENSUS ON PURERTO RICO DESCRIBED REFTEL. UAEG IS THEREFORE CLEARLY DESERVING OF DEMARCHE AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. NEVERTHELESS, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS, EMBASSY PLANS, UNLESS DEPT GIVES US CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS, TO DEFER APPROACH. (A) UAE DELEGATION TO LIMA WAS HEADED BY MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAIF GHOBASH, WHO IS CURRENTLY HEADING UAE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. GHOBASH PROCEEDED DIRECTLY FROM LIMA TO NEW YORK. MOREOVER HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES IN LIMA WERE UAE AMB TO WASHINGTON AND UAE PERMREP IN NEW YORK, BOTH OF WHOM LIKEWISE RETURNED TO THEIR POSTS FOLLOWING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. THEREFORE DEMARCHE PRESENTED HERE AT THIS TIME WOULD RUN INTO RESPONSE "WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. WHAT CAN WE SAY?" TENDING TO BLUNT POINT WE SEEKING TO MAKE.

(B) EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, TO MAXIMIZE EFFECT OF OUR APPROACH, IT SHOULD BE MADE EITHER TO GHOBASH OR TO FONMIN AHMAD SUWAIDI. AND OF THE TWO WE STRONGLY PREFTER GHOBASH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(I) BECUASE HE WAS IN LIMA AND CANNOT WIGGLE OFF HOOK SO

EASILY, AND (II) BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED THAT APPROACH TO SUWAIDI, PARTIULARLY AT THIS TIME, MIGHT WEAKEN OUR EFFORTS ON KOREA (ABU DHABI 1958).

2. FOR THESE REASONS, WE WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL GHOBASH RETURNS FROM NEW YORK AND MAKE POINTS REFTEL TO HIM AT THAT TIME. THIS VIEW, OF COURSE, PREDICATED ON ASSESSMENT PARA 5 REFTEL THAT VOTE ON PUERTO RICO "ONLY A POSSIBILITY." SHOULD THAT POSSIBILITY MATERIALIZE WE WOULD CLEARLY BE PREPARED WEIGHT IN HERE, EVEN WITH SUWAIDI DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

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